

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4, which has been cancelled, thus rendering moot the various rejections of the claims as anticipated by or obvious from Murasko et al. This leaves only the rejection of claims 4 and 16 as obvious from Murasko et al. in view of Curtin. In this regard, it is noted that independent claim 1 also has been amended to specify that the device is a solar powered device in which the source of illumination is powered by electricity produced by the photovoltaic.

In rejecting claims 4 and 16 as obvious from Murasko et al. in view of Curtin, the Examiner acknowledges Murasko does not explicitly teach a removable covering over the adhesive or a clear covering. However, the Examiner takes the position that this missing teaching is supplied by Curtin. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner is employing impermissible hindsight and is cherry-picking teachings from Murasko et al. and Curtin to make out a case for obviousness. Curtin is a thin film photovoltaic cell product made with a removable adhesive backing. Curtin's contribution to the art is to provide for compact packaging and transport of photovoltaic cells by providing a sheet of photovoltaic cells to be shipped separately from glass, framing, and other heavy support medium thus reducing the weight and therefore cost of shipping, and also reducing manufacturing costs by eliminating the need to encase the photovoltaic cells in plastic (column 2, lines 44-56). Curtin is only a photovoltaic cell. It is not a fully contained solar powered laminated electrical tape illuminated device as required by Applicant's claimed invention. Moreover, it is submitted one skilled in the art would not look to combining Mohasco et al. and Curtin as suggested by the Examiner since Mohasco is a fully contained device while Curtin is an incomplete device (merely a

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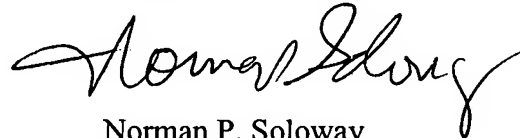
photovoltaic cell) designed to be mounted to a substrate and connected via tabs or the like to complete a circuit.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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